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LAND EROSION BY RIVERS
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the problem of land erosion by rivers in increasing day-by-day in the various areas of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) the names of the rivers causing land erosions; and

(d) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to restrict erosions in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN)

(a) to (d) As informed by Ministry of Water Resources, no data in respect of land erosion by rivers is available. However, they have informed that erosion of river banks and beds as well as deposition of eroded sediment is the natural phenomena observed in almost all rivers flowing through alluvial soils. The major rivers of this type include Ganga, Brahmaputra, Barak, Mahanadi and their tributaries, etc.

The subject of flood management including measures to control erosion in the rivers falls within the purview of the States. Accordingly, schemes for flood management/erosion control are formulated by the concerned State Governments as per priority within the State. The role of Union Government is technical, advisory, catalytic and promotional in nature. The Ministry of Water Resources is also providing central assistance to State Governments for better flood management in critical areas. During XI Plan, the Ministry of Water Resources launched a Flood Management Programme for providing central assistance to States for works related to flood management, erosion control and anti-sea erosion. Under this Programme, central assistance of Rs.3566 crore was provided during XI Plan and Rs.239.46 crore has also been provided during the years 2012-13 and 2013-14 of XII Plan for the on-going works.